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Re: Application of Koki OTSUKA, Seiichi ENDO, Takashi HATTORI, Masanori  
HARA, Susumu KATSURAGI  
PISTON FOR INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE  
Assignee: HITACHI METALS, LTD.  
Our Ref: Q90465

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- an English translation of the International Application.
- 6 sheet(s) of drawings.
- an English translation of Article 19 claim amendments.
- an English translation of Article 34 amendments (annexes to the IPER)<sup>\*</sup>.
- a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- a copy of the ISR.
- a copy of the IPER.
- a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR/IPER references.
- a copy of each reference cited in the ISR/IPER.
- a Preliminary Amendment.
- it is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f).**

In addition to the documents submitted herewith, it is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International

<sup>\*</sup> All included in the specification.



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Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2003-097015	March 31, 2003

The entire disclosure(s) of the prior application(s), Japanese application numbers JP 2003-097015 filed March 31, 2003 is/are considered part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is/are hereby incorporated by reference.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter D. Olexy".

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